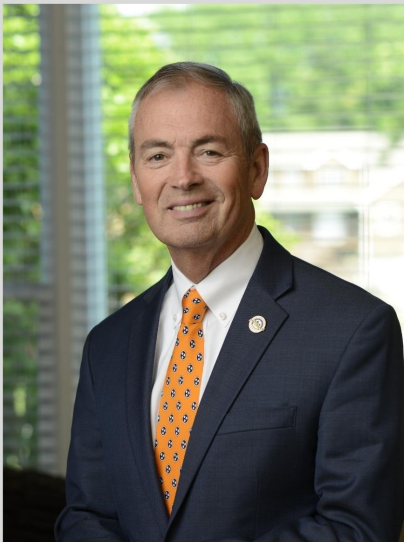




# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto  
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown

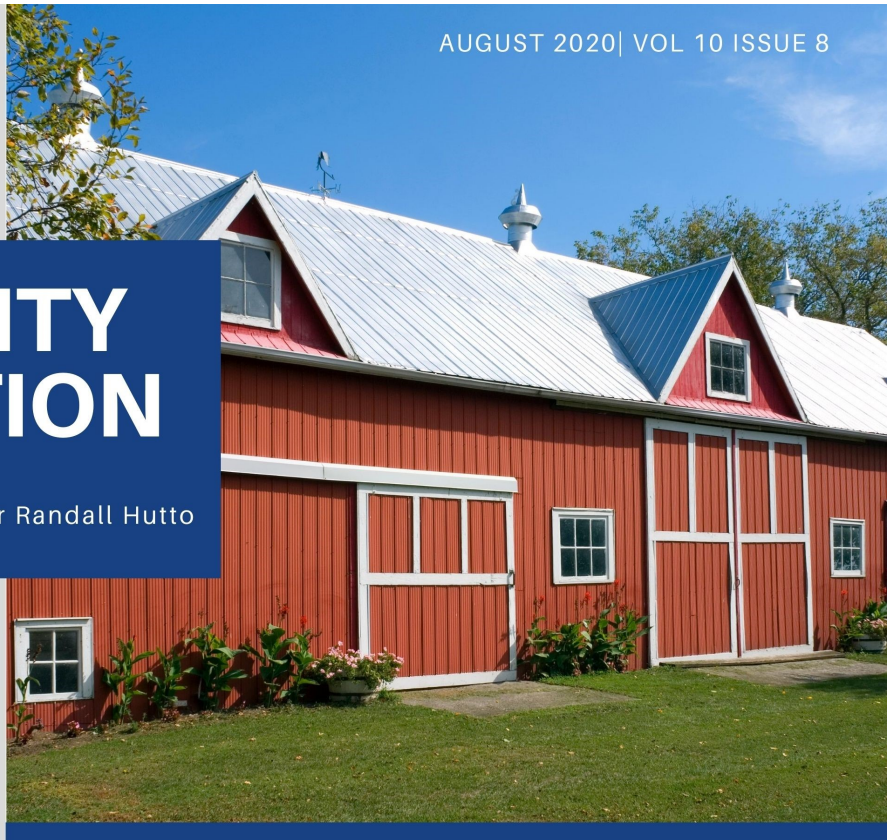


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## *A Word from Mayor Hutto...*

August has always been an exciting month in Wilson County. While we are facing new challenges this month, there are still good things happening in Wilson County! For one thing, the Amazon distribution center groundbreaking was recently held in Mt. Juliet. This distribution facility will bring roughly 1,000 jobs to our area in 2021. Also, the Wilson County Murals Committee held their fifth mural unveiling in late July. These murals are a part of the Tennessee Three Star Program, and one of Wilson County's goals is to beautify our communities. The latest mural, called "Messages of Hope" is located at the Wilson County Clerk's South College Street location. This mural was created by artists Scott Harris and Deanna Purcell, who included messages such as "smile", "believe" and "dream" in the mural. In times of uncertainty, these hopeful words can make each day a little brighter (see Messages of Hope, PAGE 5). A goal of the Murals Committee, under the leadership of the Wilson County CVB, is to boost tourism by creating photo opportunities such as these for visitors and residents. Murals benefit locals and businesses by enhancing our community's outer shell and sparking an interest in the arts. Businesses and individuals may participate in this program by providing a wall to our Murals Committee. If you would like to provide a wall or sponsor a future mural, please reach out to my office. Thank you to the Murals Committee and the Wilson County CVB, as well as the artists and sponsors of this program for creating a vision that makes everyone's day a little brighter!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Hutto".



## Commissioner Spotlight: Joe Ali District 17



### Contact INFORMATION

805 Horn Springs Rd  
Lebanon TN 37087

Phone: +1 (615) 444-4333

## Wilson County LANDFILL

### WILL ACCEPT:

- Drywall
- Wood
- Blocks
- Sheetrock
- Brick
- Vegetation, treelimbs, etc.

Tipping fees will apply.

It will be the homeowners' responsibility to submit receipt(s) to their insurance company for reimbursement, if possible.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS  
TO 615.449.6684

## COMMUNITY BANKS AND COUNTY'S CHAMBERS JOIN FORCES

The Lebanon Wilson County, Mt. Juliet, and Watertown Chambers of Commerce have joined forces with local community banks to launch the TennCommUNITY initiative. This initiative was created and designed to help with recovery by urging the communities to shop locally. The mission includes providing advertising and marketing tools for small businesses, contributed by the network of partnering banks and chambers. Through the unified efforts of this partnership, their goal is to boost commerce and support for local merchants. TennCommUNITY will provide regular updates including resources, information, and support to help small businesses overcome the challenges that have resulted from COVID-19. This campaign will continue through the end of 2020. Visit [www.tenncommunity.com](http://www.tenncommunity.com) or contact your local Chamber of Commerce for more information.

# TennCommUNITY.com



## shop • eat • play

### Support Small Businesses

#### Community Sponsors



# Spotlight on the Office of...

## THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Wilson County Finance Department will be our spotlight department for the month of August. The Finance Department's main objective is to maintain accurate books and records of the economic activity of Wilson County Government. The Finance Department provides and maintains a system of internal control to ensure accuracy of those records and deter fraud, waste, and abuse of government resources. In order to serve the citizens of Wilson County, the Finance Department ensures that taxpayer dollars are used only for authorized purposes, provides a system to ensure that goods and services are obtained at the best possible price, and provides periodic financial reports on the receipt and use of public resources. The Finance Department serves county employees by processing payroll and administering the county's health insurance program. This department also provides direction and advice to Wilson County's elected officials and department heads as needed. About two years ago, the Finance Department changed their accounting system to Skyward. This change has been a tremendous improvement for financial management and allowed many employees to work from home when the courthouse was closed during the COVID-19 shutdown. The Finance Director is appointed by the Finance Committee and is approved by the County Commission. Employees of the Finance Department include Aaron Maynard, Finance Director; Labraunya Horton, Deputy Finance Director; Sharon Lackey, Deputy Finance Director; Joe Goode, Executive Assistant; Angela Lalonde, Payroll Specialist; Shelly Shaw, Benefits Specialist; Holly Taylor, Benefits Administrator; Teresa Scruggs, Accounts Payable; Debbie Fischer, Risk Manager; Michelle Dodson, Administrative Assistant. Five of these employees have completed the certified county finance officer (CCFO) program. Currently, the remaining five employees of the Finance Department are enrolled in this program. This certification recognizes financial professionals who have increased their knowledge in accounting and financial reporting principles while gaining an increased understanding of how county governments are structured in Tennessee. Graduates from this program carry new enhanced skills into the workplace and to their responsibilities for the fiscal affairs of their county or department. We appreciate the willingness of these employees to complete such a rigorous program that keeps Wilson County up to date on the latest state financial requirements. The Finance Department can be reached at 615/443-2630 during regular office hours on Monday-Friday.



## CONTACT

*Wilson County  
Courthouse  
Offices*

### County Clerk's Office

(615)444-0314

### Trustee's Office

(615)444-0894

### Register of Deeds

(615)443-2611

### Property Assessor

(615)444-8661

### Planning Office

(615)444-2836

### Mayor's Office

(615)444-1383

### Finance Office

(615)443-2630

### Human Resources

(615)466-5122

### Veterans Services Office

(615)444-2460



# MASKS OF LOVE VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Healthcare workers have an increased need for face masks due to COVID-19. After identifying this need, the Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education (TAFCE) began the Masks of Love Project. The project's main objective is to sew face masks for Tennessee healthcare workers. If you know how to sew, volunteering opportunities are available. In Wilson County, volunteers sew masks at home, then drop the masks off at the Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital. The hospital has set up a drop off box at the surgery center entrance. From there, the masks will be distributed to medical personnel. Masks can be donated to other nearby hospitals as well. UT Extension has set up a Facebook group for all counties that participate in this effort statewide. The project's Facebook group shares reliable information and offers troubleshooting tips as well as connects volunteers to their specific county needs. Visit the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TAFCEmasksoflove> or contact Shelly Barnes, Extension FCS agent at [sphill24@utk.edu](mailto:sphill24@utk.edu) or 615-444-9584.



**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY**

Do you sew? Want to help?

**TIPS  
TRICKS &  
TROUBLESHOOTING**

**JOIN THE  
MOVEMENT**





**Still need to  
complete your  
2020 Census?**

**Visit**

**2020CENSUS.GOV**

**Census counts are  
completed every  
10 years and the  
data forms the  
basis for federal  
funding which  
supports county  
education, roads,  
and healthcare  
along with many  
other benefits to  
our residents.**

**Respond over the  
phone or request a  
paper form by  
calling (844) 330-  
2020.**

**BE COUNTED AND  
HELP SHAPE OUR  
FUTURE!**

## MESSAGES OF HOPE MURAL UNVEILING

The latest mural unveiling took place outside the Wilson County Clerk's Office at its South College Street location on July 29, 2020. The Messages of Hope mural, painted by artists Scott Harris and Deanna Purcell, is the fifth mural to be unveiled in Wilson County this year. Thus, the Wilson County Murals Committee is getting closer to its goal of ten completed murals by the end of 2020. The Messages of Hope mural was sponsored by Keller Williams Realty, and the wall was provided by the Wilson County Clerk's Office. All are welcome to stop by and take a photo by the mural. Remember to include #PaintWilCo in any of your social media posts!



Pictured left to right: Cheryl Bockstruck, Ashley Shores, Kaitlyn Vail, Kim Parks, Susan Shaw, Scott Harris, Deanna Purcell, Jason Johnson

## Goals for Mural Project

1. Create 10 unique murals in locations throughout Wilson County by the end of 2020.
2. Boost tourism by creating shareable, interactive photo opportunities for visitors in the county, as well as residents.
3. Beautify Wilson County.
4. Integrate art into communities.
5. Spark interest in the arts.

*#PaintWilCo*



# BLOOD DRIVE

ONE DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES



## Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

**Monday, August 10**  
**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### To schedule an appointment:

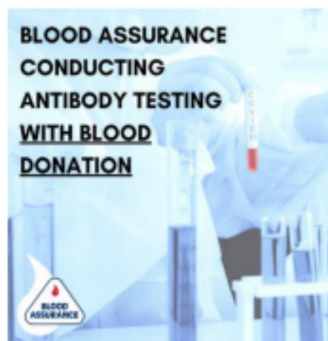
Contact Bob at [bobmurray@bloodassurance.org](mailto:bobmurray@bloodassurance.org) or

Click on the link: [bloodassurance.org/VWCH](https://bloodassurance.org/VWCH)

**Please eat a good meal, drink additional water and avoid energy drinks!**

**Donate in August to receive a TEAM BLOOD DONOR beach towel! 18+ donors who donate 2 times this summer will be automatically entered to win a medium Big Green Egg + Eggcessories! For every friend you refer, you get an extra entry to win!**

**All donors receive COVID-19 antibody testing.**



#balifesaver

@bloodassurance





# TORNADO RECOVERY CONNECTION



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TN  UMC

# RECOVER



*Wilson County*

**UNMET NEEDS? CALL 615-270-9255**  
**RECOVERWILSON.COM**

**UNMET NEEDS? NECESITAS AYUDA?**  
**615-270-9255 ★ RECOVERWILSON.COM**



# FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING



Anyone with health concerns, or who has concerns about the health of a family member, is invited to come to receive testing for COVID-19. This testing will be provided at no cost to participants, and those who come for testing can remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

**WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**945 E BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY • 7 A.M. - NOON**  
**THE GATE ENTRANCE IS OFF TENNESSEE BLVD**  
**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**







# Career Solutions<sup>SM</sup>

Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.

## **Goodwill Career Solutions Training Courses Offered**

**1985 Providence Parkway. Mount Juliet, TN 37122**

### ***Free Training Classes***

#### **Resume Writing Class**

*Employers spend an average of 15 seconds reading a resume.*

*Learn how to build a basic resume that will set you apart from the competition*

*Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

**Tuesday – 9:00 AM**

**Wednesday – 2:00 PM**

**Thursday – 9:00 AM**

*Must have completed a Resume Worksheet before attending class*

#### **Searching for Jobs**

*Learn how to jump through the hoops and improve your odds of getting those phone calls back!*

*Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

**Tuesday – 1:00 PM**

**Wednesday – 9:00 AM**

**Thursday – 1:00 PM**

#### **Explore Jobs Online**

*Get ahead of the competition by learning how to navigate and use tools with online job searching websites*

*Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

**Tuesday – 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday – 10:00 AM**

**Thursday – 2:00 PM**

#### **Applying for Work**

*Learn how to fill out an application that will get you noticed and stand out to the employer*

*Class is every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

**Tuesday – 10:00 AM**

**Wednesday – 1:00 PM**

**Thursday – 10:00 AM**

**Contact Goodwill Career Solutions for more information!**

**Phone: 615-288-2389**



The Cumberland University Community Arts Council (formerly known as the Cumberland University Fine Arts Council) would like input from community residents with a survey about arts and entertainment interest. This information will be used for insight on how to better serve and promote the arts in the greater Wilson County area. Please scan the QR code below.



## AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN WILSON COUNTY

Wilson County Government's website is full of helpful information, especially when it comes to resources concerning those impacted by COVID-19. Lists of resources available in our area can be found at [www.wilsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov). These resources include assistance for food, unemployment, health & mental health, small businesses and much more. Visit our website and learn about the assistance that is accessible in our county! Furthermore, a data dashboard can also be found on Wilson County Government's website, which displays the new number of positive cases each day, a 14-day average, percentage of positive tests, and the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in Wilson County. The data dashboard is updated each afternoon on Monday-Friday.